

# 200,000 BOYS TO GO IN TRAINING

**Leaders of Boy Scouts Have Arranged For Preparedness Camps In All Parts of Country For Youngsters Who Desire to Enter Military Service**

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 10.—Nearly 200,000 boys will go into preparedness camps in all parts of the country this summer under the leadership of men familiar with the Boy Scouts of America, according to an announcement made at the organization's headquarters here today. Military drill will not be given the boys but in other ways the camps will be very similar to the military instruction camps for adults at Plattsburg, N. Y., and other places.

An analysis of the program for the Plattsburg and similar camps promoted by General Leonard A. Wood reveals that fully three-quarters of the subjects and activities taken up in them are included in the Boy Scout scheme, the statement says. "And they will be provided in this summer's boy scout camps, the first of which will open next week." The aims in view, it is explained, are not only to build the boys physically but to give them "knowledge and skill that will immeasurably increase their usefulness to their country in any crisis." Under this plan the following subjects are included in the course of instruction: Camp site selection, tent pitching, drainage, sanitation, commissary equipment and management, fire fighting without matches, cooking, long distance code signaling, setting up of field telegraph and wireless outfits, bridge-building, construction of signal and observation towers, fire fighting, swimming, rescue of drowning persons, resuscitation, managing boats, first aid to injured, observation and memory tests, map making and reading, exploration of unfamiliar territory, and despatch bearing. In addition the scouts will learn, largely through games and competitions with quicken boyish interest, a great deal about nature, and will be taught to put into

practice the code of conduct known to them as "scout law." The camp motto will be "be prepared," which has been the boy scout slogan since the incorporation of the movement in 1910.

"The most ardent preparedness advocate of today," the statement declares, "has nothing now to the arguments that were recognized by the promoters of the boy scout scheme; indeed, the scout scheme goes further and provides a workable plan, one that is actually working, for preparedness for everyday life, for the routine requirements of citizenship, as well as for emergencies, including the remote possibility of war."

The explanation of the fact that the boys will not receive military drill, the statement says:

"The rifle, the sword and her military accoutrement from no part of the boy scout equipment. The boy, in his adolescent years, we feel, is not sufficiently benefited by practice in the manual of arms to have it take the place of other things which are of a more positive and constructive value."

"Lieutenant General Sir Robert Baden-Powell (who developed the Boy Scout movement upon the 'be prepared' plan, with long experience in England's recruiting work, strongly opposed military drill for the younger boys, and is fighting hard now against the cadet system which is advocated by some in Great Britain. He opposes it on the ground that it defeats the object it is intended to accomplish; that efficient, well-disciplined, fighting men cannot be made without a personal development of character, responsibility, self-discipline, physical health, none of which come from the sort of military drill that young boys receive."

"The Boy Scouts of America goes in a different way about the business of training boys for the service of their country. All of the interests and activities of the scouts are planned so as to give the boys a grounding in the qualities that make for good citizenship, a strong body, an alert mind, moral perceptions and inclinations, a knowledge of his country and of the true meaning of the flag. The boy who gets these in his teens and who in addition gets the training given the scouts will be able to master purely military drill in one-tenth training given the scouts will be able to master purely

ly military drill in one-tenth the time the average boy would require; and he would have, plus this initiative resource, adaptability and ability to care for himself which the cadet would not have had time to require."

"The summer camps will be a demonstration. But back of this demonstration is that something else about the boy about training which so changes and improves the spirit of the boy and his attitude toward his home, his school, his work and his country; and his flag. It is what will count for most in an hour of crisis."

National headquarters records on June 1 showed that 42,000 men enrolled as scoutmasters and in other posts of leadership are prepared to assist in the summer encampments for which 180,495 boys are eligible. In addition, the camps will have the services of army and navy officers, naturalists, scoutcraft experts, government life saving service officers, physicians, geologists, civil engineers, and other men qualified to give instruction.

"In this day when so much is being said about patriotic service," the statement says, "recognition should be given to the personal sacrifice of the thousands of men who without compensation are devoting many hours every week to the training of scouts and who give up their own vacation plans in order to see that their scouts are properly protected and instructed in the scout camps this summer."

"These men stand in very close relationship to the boys; they have won their respect, admiration and confidence; they have come into positions of unusual influence in these young lives. Clean, strong men of unquestioned patriotism, they are playing a very large part in the work of preparing this nation for any emergency."

There are troops of Boy Scouts in virtually every city and town in the United States and nearly all will have their season in camp. Each troop, the statement says, will be in charge of men vouched for and constantly under the scrutiny of leading men associated with each community's schools, churches and other institutions, and proper sanitation, food, sleeping quarters and discipline will be provided at the camps for the physical and mental equipment of the boys.

## Forethought.

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# TILLMAN WON'T GO TO ST. LOUIS

**Tells Greenville Man He Will Stay at Trenton And Take Needed Rest**

Greenville, June 10.—United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman will not attend the democratic convention in St. Louis next week, according to a statement which he made to D. B. Traxler yesterday over the long distance telephone from Trenton. Senator Tillman arrived in Trenton several days ago for the purpose of taking a rest from his senatorial duties. He was able to leave the national capital because of an agreement that only contested matters would be considered while the convention is in session. The big gathering of the delegates of the nation will no doubt almost deplete the senatorial and house delegations so that the volume of legislation that is affected next week will not be very important except to the localities interested in comparative minor measures.

Senator Tillman told Mr. Traxler that by remaining at Trenton during the week he would be able to take a needed rest. The senator is reported as being in good health; but he has started a movement in the interest of heavier armor plate for the battleships and he wants to be in the best of trim when he begins the advocacy of his plans.

John Gary Evans of Spartanburg, will take the place of Senator Tillman in the South Carolina delegation. The delegation, said Mr. Traxler, who arranged the literary and other details of the trip to St. Louis will consist of all the regular delegates, with the exception of Senator Tillman. The twenty-two delegates, fourteen district and eight at large besides a number of other South Carolinians, will leave Sunday afternoon on the Carolina Special. The Greenville citizens will leave here Sunday morning and join the others at Spartanburg. The route will be by way of Asheville, Knoxville and Cincinnati.

## In St. Louis.

Honorable H. L. Borders, vice president of the Borders Realty company, of St. Louis, has been appointed to entertain the South Carolina delegation while in St. Louis. Secretary D. B. Traxler has been in constant communication with him, and all arrangements have been made to entertain the South Carolina delegation while on their trip and while in St. Louis. Mr. Traxler has just received a letter from Mr. Borders in which he states that he will try to meet the delegates at the depot with automobiles and carry them to Hotel Usona on Kings highway, which will be their headquarters.

## Evidence of Prosperity.

Atlanta, Ga., June 10.—The financial prosperity and strength of Georgia is strikingly shown by the bank deposits in Atlanta and throughout the state. The Fourth National Bank of Atlanta, which according to the comptroller of the currency, left all other banks of the state in deposits, has issued a statement, showing an increase in its deposits over a year ago of \$1,844,343.46, being now \$8,696,687.66 and rapidly approaching the nine million-dollar mark.

Figures like these are interesting and go to show that despite the war, Georgia and the south, at least, is in a prosperous condition. It is reasonable to suppose that people are not going to deposit their money in a bank unless they have it, and are making it, and it follows that trade channels generally are moving with greater activity.

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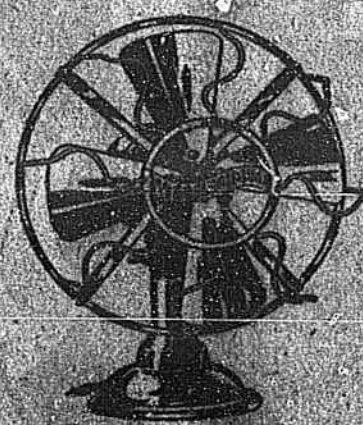
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